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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Breaker et al.)

Application No. 09/780,929)

Filing Date: February 8, 2001)

For: Nucleic Acid Catalysts with Endonuclease Activity)

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: James Schultz

Confirmation No. 6724

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.